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SUBJ: VOA KOREAN SERVICE RELAY.

- 1. ACTING PAO HAD LENGTHLY TALK AUGUST 31 WITH CBS PRESIDENT OH CHAE KYUNG ON RELAY AND OTHER OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN TO VOA. AS FORMER MINISTER OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION, OH IS LEADING FIGURE IN KOREAN MEDIA CIRCLES.
- 2. OH REITERATED THAT CBS WOULD RESUME VOA RELAY BUT WOULD HAVE TO LET PROPER TIME PERIOD ELAPSE IN ORDER NOT TO APPEAR OVERLY EAGER.
- 3. HE SAID ROK CIA REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAD TOLD HIM TO DROP RELAY SAID THEY DID NOT WANT ANY STATIONS CARRYING REPORTS OF U.S. CRITICISM OF ROK CIA ACTIVITIES IN U.S., OR REPORTS LINKING ROK CIA WITH KIM DAE JUNG CASE.
- 4. OH SAID THE ROK CIA MAN ACCUSED HIM OF "COWARDLY CONFIDENTIAL

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BEHAIVOR" IN CARRYING VOA RELAY AS MEANS OF AIRING

NEWS ITEMS THAT COULD NOT BE CAJWIED IN REGULAR CBS NEWSCASTS.

5. OH WAS NOT SURE AT WHAT LEVEL WITHIN ROK CIA BUREAUCCRCY INITIAL DECISION WAS MADE TO HAVE CBS DROP RELAY BUT FELT CERTAIN THAT DECISION TO REVERSE THIS AND GIVE HIM PERMISSION TO RESUME WAS MADE AT REASONABLY HIGH LEVEL.

6. WILL ADVISE IF AN WHEN RELAY IS RESUMED. KAYS, ACTING

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